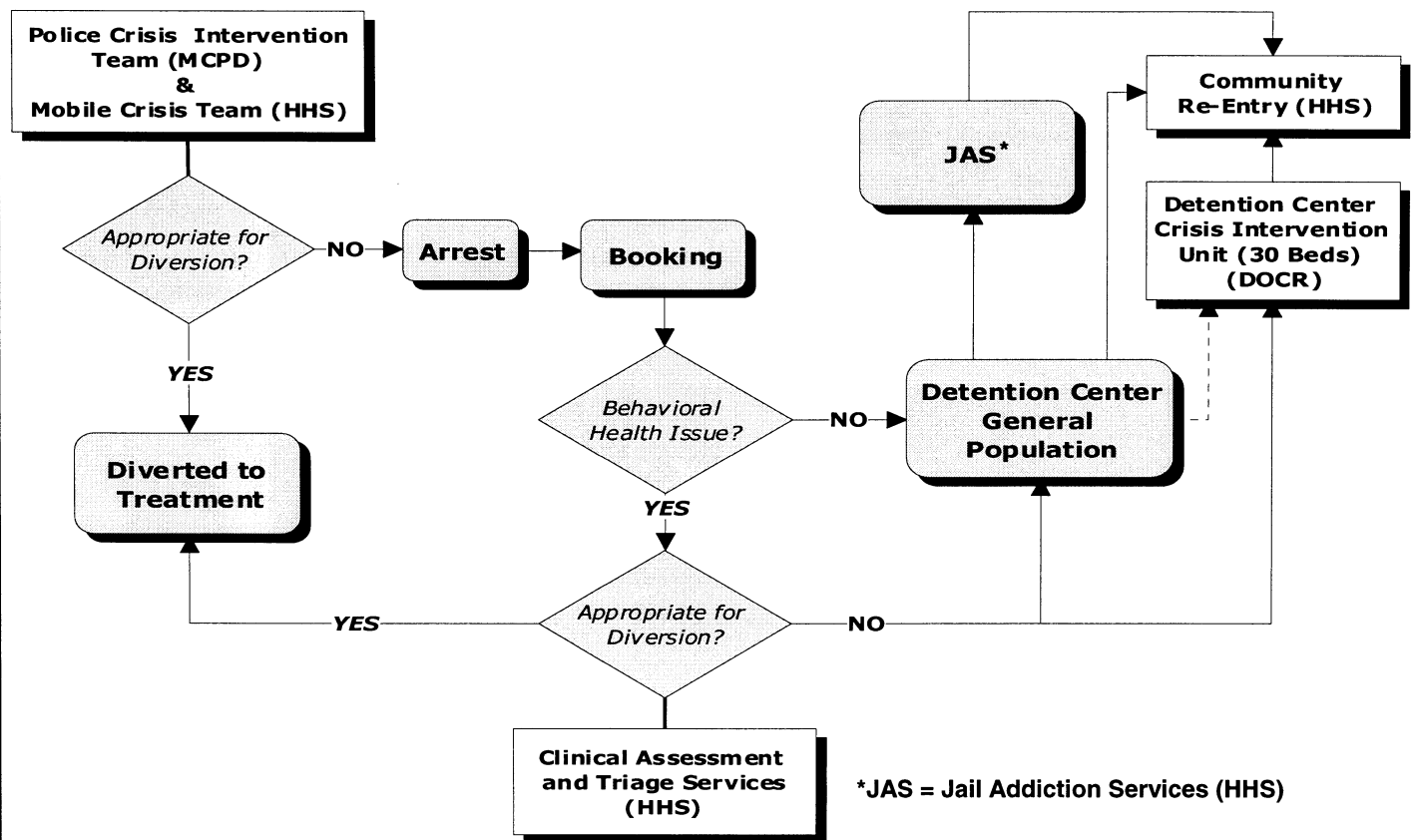


CRIMINAL JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

MISSION: We envision a Montgomery County in which appropriate mental health services are made readily available through a collaboration among private and public providers and community advocates to improve the quality of life, create safer communities, and reduce the cost of future care



EXPLANATION: The Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Initiative is a collaboration between the Montgomery County Police Department, the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, and the Department of Health and Human Services to provide:

- A Crisis Intervention Team of highly-trained police officers and a Mobile Crisis Team of highly-trained mental health professionals who respond to behavioral crisis situations in the community;
- Clinical Assessment and Triage Services for mental health pre-booking diversion to find treatment alternatives to incarceration;
- A Crisis Intervention Unit in the Montgomery County Detention Center (MCDC) to provide appropriate assessment and treatment planning services as well as suicide prevention for those who are incarcerated within the MCDC; and
- Community Re-Entry case management and discharge planning to community resources for continuity of care and recidivism reduction.

Effective and accessible assessment, collaboration, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation services can reduce the occurrence of crimes related to mental illness and substance abuse. To be effective, these services must meet the individual needs of people at risk for these behavior disorders.

OUTCOME MEASURES

	FY01 ACTUAL	FY02 ACTUAL	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 CE REC
Percentage of calls for Crisis Intervention Team officers that result in diversion	NA	95	90	90	92
Percentage of eligible inmates successfully diverted to community behavioral health treatment	NA	78	93	95	95
Number of suicidal gestures/attempts in the MCDC	21	16	18	18	20
Number of successful suicides in the MCDC	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of inmates served who are connected to behavioral health services in the community after release	NA	48	50	50	50
Percentage of homeless inmates who are connected to housing at release	NA	28	53	50	52
Percentage of inmates served who are connected with the Public Mental Health System	NA	28	35	40	40
Percentage of inmates served who re-enter the Montgomery County Detention Center	NA	16	39	35	35

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Police, Health and Human Services

PROGRAM:

Pre-Booking Diversion

PROGRAM ELEMENT:

PROGRAM MISSION:

To improve the quality of police services for people with mental illness through the use of specialized training programs, and to reduce the incidence of inappropriate incarcerations by diverting non-violent, mentally ill suspects from the criminal justice system

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES SUPPORTED:

- Children and vulnerable adults who are safe
- Children and adults who are physically and mentally healthy
- Safe communities

PROGRAM MEASURES

	FY01 ACTUAL	FY02 ACTUAL	FY03 BUDGET	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 CE REC
Outcomes/Results:					
Percentage of calls for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers that result in diversion	NA	95	90	90	92
Percentage of calls for CIT officers that result in incarceration	NA	5	10	10	8
Service Quality:					
Average length of time for CIT calls (hours)	NA	2	2	2.5	2
Percentage of the Montgomery County patrol force that is CIT certified ^a	NA	18	20	25	27
Efficiency:					
Cost per CIT call for service (\$)	NA	70	70	70	70
Workload/Outputs:					
Number of calls for CIT officers	NA	59	21	150	100
Number of calls for CIT officers that result in an evaluation by the Department of Health and Human Services' 24-Hour Crisis Center or an officer-initiated Emergency Psychiatric Evaluation Petition	NA	52	12	125	92
Inputs:					
Expenditures - training and certification (\$) ^b	NA	1,545	1,550	1,600	1,600
Workyears	NA	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02

Notes:

^aAs of December 31, 2003 there were 395 certified CIT members: Montgomery County Police Department - 280; Crisis Center - 25; Montgomery County Sheriff's Office - 35; Montgomery County Detention Center - 13; Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service - 2; Montgomery County Park Police - 4; Gaithersburg City Police Department - 5; Rockville City Police Department - 5; Chevy Chase Police Department - 2; County Security - 1; Outside Agencies - 23.

^bThis is the cost to train and certify Montgomery County Police Department patrol officers.

EXPLANATION:

Montgomery County Police officers can initiate the pre-booking diversion process by requesting that an officer from the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) meet them at the site of a crisis. When a CIT officer determines that a suspect may have committed an offense as a result of a mental illness, the officer will consult with the Department of Health and Human Services' Mobile Crisis Team (MCT). The MCT meets the officer and the suspect in the field for a pre-booking diversion assessment. Based on this assessment, the suspect will either be (a) petitioned for an involuntary psychiatric evaluation, (b) diverted to community treatment providers, or (c) arrested and processed into the criminal justice system.

An emergency psychiatric evaluation petition (EEP) provides the authority to transport an individual against his or her will to a hospital emergency room for a mental health assessment. Montgomery County Police officers and Mobile Crisis Center Team staff can complete EEPs. If the EEP is upheld by the Court and the individual is certified by two physicians in the emergency room, the person is then involuntarily hospitalized in a psychiatric hospital.

The MCT's goals are to ensure public safety and to resolve the crisis by the least restrictive means possible. The MCT is trained to help stabilize the individual, evaluate and address the behavior or problem, and help the officers/family members understand what is happening. If the individual has a mental health provider, MCT members contact the provider. If the individual does not have a provider, the Team connects the person to needed mental health services in the community. Staff from the Department of Health and Human Services' 24-Hour Crisis Center can also provide short-term counseling after a crisis and maintain contact with a client until the latter is connected with a long-term mental health provider.

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF OUTCOMES: Montgomery County Police Department, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), HHS Core Service Agency, substance abuse and mental health treatment providers.

MAJOR RELATED PLANS AND GUIDELINES: